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Week Ending May 8, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 8, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 38.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 63.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 66.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Crossett. The precipitation for this week was very light, with only the reporting station at Portland showing more than one inch of rain. The highest concentration in the Southeast region of the state with an average of 0.73 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 8, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	99	96	95	93
Corn, emerged	95	89	84	84
Cotton, planted	57	36	55	39
Cotton, emerged	26	3	16	19
Peanuts, planted	60	44	NA	NA
Peanuts, emerged	23	NA	NA	NA
Rice, planted	93	87	80	72
Rice, emerged	82	66	47	52
Sorghum, planted	62	43	76	71
Sorghum, emerged	46	27	51	54
Soybeans, planted	48	32	41	35
Soybeans, emerged	30	17	25	21
Winter Wheat, headed	96	84	91	89
Winter Wheat, Coloring	10	0	9	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending May 8, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	8	3	33	43	13
Hay, alfalfa	5	1	73	17	4
Hay, other	3	5	41	45	6
Livestock	2	2	26	60	10
Pasture	1	6	31	52	10
Rice	5	10	32	41	12
Winter Wheat	3	6	37	42	12

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Most corn was receiving side dress fertilizer and post emergence herbicide application. Some rice being sprayed for weed control. Sorghum and soybean planting continued.”

- Allen Davis, Greene County

“Farmers made applications of herbicides on row crops during the week. Planting soybeans and peanuts on those fields dry enough to plant. A few livestock producers made haylage during the week.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“A few rice fields planning to receive pre-flood nitrogen shot and go to a shallow flood this week weather permitting.”

- Grant Beckwith, Arkansas County

“It's been difficult to put more than 2 days of fieldwork recently. Some replanting of cotton and soybeans is necessary due to cool temps and excessive rain. Leaf rust apparent on susceptible varieties.”

- Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Planting of rice and soybean resumed mid-week after torrential rains. Some flushing of rice was occurring to aide in plant emergence. Herbicides and fertilizer continued to be applied to corn, rice and sorghum.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Storms early in the week brought more rain and slowed seasonal hay production. Producers trying to harvest late season ryegrass and open fields for summer pastures and hay.”

-Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending May 8, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	66.7	38.7	52.7	61.3	-8.6	0.02	1	NA	3.14	NA
Lead Hill	70.0	44.3	57.1	60.7	-3.5	0.02	1	-1.14	2.91	-1.35
Winslow	68.6	48.7	58.6	NA	NA	0.05	2	NA	4.08	NA
Extreme/Average	68.4	43.9	56.2	61.0	-6.1	0.03	2	-1.14	3.38	-1.35
North Central										
Calico Rock	72.3	45.0	58.6	62.7	-4.0	0.00	0	-1.18	4.50	0.20
Evening Shade	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gilbert	73.7	45.6	59.6	63.5	-3.8	0.00	0	-1.20	4.00	-0.30
Mammoth Spring	74.9	46.6	60.7	62.2	-1.5	0.00	0	-1.02	3.40	-1.12
Mountain Home	71.7	47.2	59.4	63.5	-3.9	0.00	0	-1.09	4.68	0.18
Mountain View	74.3	48.3	61.3	64.3	-3.0	0.00	0	-1.24	3.70	-1.16
Extreme/Average	73.4	46.5	59.9	63.2	-3.3	0.00	0	-1.14	4.06	-0.45
Northeast										
Corning	75.1	50.1	62.6	66.0	-3.4	0.00	0	-1.15	5.40	1.01
Jonesboro	73.7	49.7	61.7	65.4	-3.7	0.02	1	-1.27	4.56	-0.30
Keiser	72.8	52.8	62.8	67.6	-4.5	0.26	2	-0.66	4.33	-0.01
Newport	74.1	52.7	63.4	66.3	-2.9	0.05	1	-1.17	4.58	-0.13
Pocahontas	79.0	50.3	64.6	64.2	0.4	0.00	0	-1.18	5.59	1.26
Searcy	77.4	50.6	64.0	66.3	-2.3	0.12	1	-1.28	5.69	0.67
Extreme/Average	75.4	51.0	63.2	66.0	-2.7	0.07	2	-1.12	5.03	0.42
West Central										
Booneville	74.9	47.0	60.9	65.6	-4.7	0.02	1	-1.33	5.17	0.70
Dardanelle	78.4	47.7	63.1	67.1	-4.1	0.00	0	NA	6.23	NA
Mena	74.7	46.9	60.8	63.9	-3.1	0.05	1	-1.55	9.73	4.06
Subiaco	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Waldron	74.3	45.0	59.6	65.2	-5.5	0.04	1	-1.41	7.13	2.15
Extreme/Average	75.6	46.6	61.1	65.5	-4.3	0.03	1	-1.43	7.07	2.30
Central										
Alum Fork	74.0	49.4	61.7	64.8	-3.1	0.53	2	-0.75	7.41	2.42
Cabot	78.1	48.6	63.4	66.0	-2.6	0.14	2	-1.23	6.91	2.03
Conway	79.4	48.7	64.1	65.8	-1.7	0.12	1	-1.08	4.65	0.01
Hot Springs	73.9	54.1	64.0	66.8	-2.8	0.07	1	-1.30	10.35	5.35
Morrilton	76.9	47.4	62.1	65.2	-3.0	0.03	1	-1.27	5.27	0.62
Extreme/Average	76.5	49.6	63.1	65.7	-2.7	0.18	2	-1.13	6.92	2.09
East Central										
Brinkley	73.9	53.6	63.7	66.8	-3.1	0.50	1	-0.87	6.30	1.31
Des Arc	75.9	53.1	64.5	67.9	-3.4	0.25	1	-1.06	7.71	2.75
Keo	74.9	52.9	63.9	68.5	-4.6	0.79	1	-0.43	8.78	3.86
Stuttgart	77.2	63.2	70.2	67.6	2.5	0.01	1	-0.95	2.15	-2.04
West Memphis	73.4	52.1	62.8	67.2	-4.4	0.37	2	-1.05	6.57	1.29
Extreme/Average	75.1	55.0	65.0	67.6	-2.6	0.40	2	-0.90	6.30	1.40
Southwest										
Ashdown	76.0	51.4	63.7	NA	NA	0.40	2	-0.92	10.13	5.65
Dequeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hope	77.3	49.4	63.4	67.0	-3.6	0.90	1	-0.45	12.02	7.32
Murfreesboro	74.5	45.0	59.8	64.5	-4.9	0.00	0	-1.21	8.44	4.56
Nashville	78.7	49.4	64.1	67.9	-3.8	0.60	2	-0.90	8.50	3.50
Extreme/Average	76.6	48.8	62.7	66.4	-4.1	0.46	2	-0.87	9.76	5.26
South Central										
Camden	77.6	52.7	65.1	67.6	-2.4	0.26	1	-0.89	6.11	2.20
Fordyce	76.6	50.4	63.5	66.0	-2.5	0.63	2	-0.67	5.68	1.14
Magnolia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sparkman	75.3	48.4	61.9	66.0	-4.1	0.05	1	-1.20	4.70	0.85
Extreme/Average	76.5	50.5	63.5	66.5	-3.0	0.31	2	-0.92	5.50	1.40
Southeast										
Crossett	79.7	54.5	67.1	67.0	0.0	0.70	2	-0.31	9.62	5.75
Eudora	77.4	55.1	66.3	70.4	-4.1	0.60	1	-0.60	8.2	3.30
Pine Bluff	75.9	51.1	63.5	68.2	-4.7	0.80	1	-0.48	4.22	-0.59
Portland	73.0	53.9	63.4	68.6	-5.1	1.14	2	-0.02	6.80	2.41
Rohwer	73.3	53.9	63.6	68.9	-5.3	0.41	2	-0.81	5.14	0.67
Extreme/Average	75.9	53.7	64.8	68.6	-3.9	0.73	2	-0.45	6.80	2.30
State	74.9	49.7	62.3	65.7	-3.5	0.23	1	-1.02	6.06	1.46

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.